

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER NO. LTC #  $_{
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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager For JMG ( While )

DATE:

April 3, 2006

SUBJECT: Monument Island and Maurice Gibb Park Baynanza Event

The purpose of this LTC is to inform you that the City of Miami Beach, Neighborhood Services Department, in conjunction with Miami-Dade County, Department of Environmental Resources (DERM) and Environmental Coalition of Miami Beach (ECOMB) is organizing an environmental event for Monument Island and Maurice Gibb Park. This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Baynanza is an annual County-wide effort with events scheduled simultaneously throughout Miami-Dade County for April 22, 2006. These events promote environmental awareness and the importance of protecting our most treasured natural resources, water and land. This is part of the City's commitment to preserve and maintain our parks and open spaces and provide volunteer opportunities for the community.

Volunteers will meet in Maurice Gibb Park at 9:00 am, and be assigned to clean the park or island. ECOMB is coordinating the volunteer transportation to Monument Island with Marine Patrol, Coast Guard and volunteer boat owners. The volunteers will focus primarily on the removal and proper disposal of litter. It is anticipated that over 100 volunteers from Miami-Dade County will participate in this event. Neighborhood Services Department is coordinating with the Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works Departments to provide the necessary materials and services for this project. Volunteers may register for this event at the City's website, www.miamibeachfl.gov.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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